

Remote-sensing and spatial modelling of the relationship between environmental factors and vector-borne diseases

From research to operational activities for the development of monitoring and early warning systems

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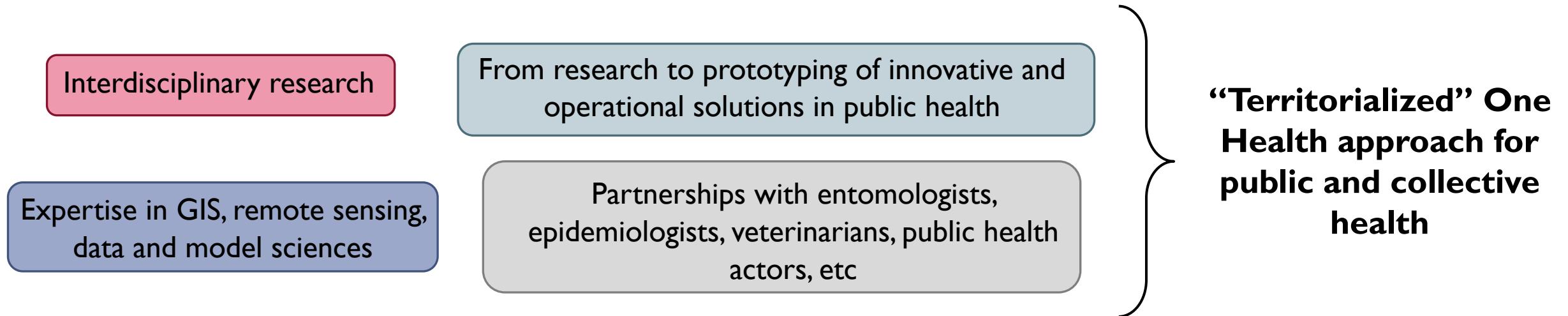
Introduction

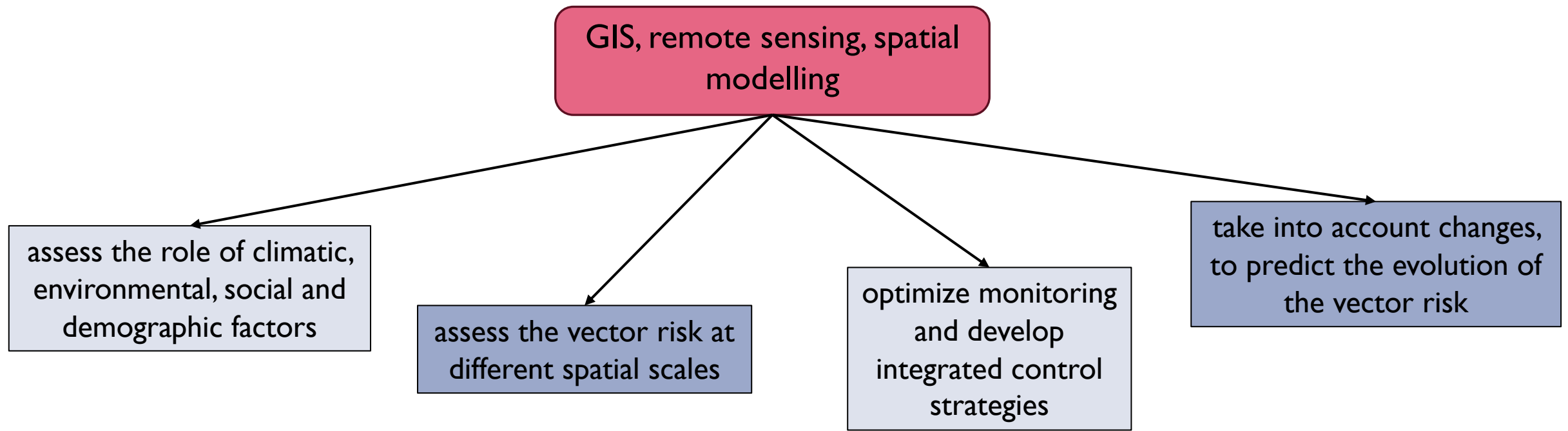
Vector-borne diseases are a burden on health systems and development in many tropical countries.

Many vector-borne diseases have emerged or re-emerged throughout the world, gaining new territories and affecting both animal and human health.

Persistence or emergence of these vector-borne diseases is conditioned by many climatic, environmental and demographic factors specific to each territory, at different scales.

Geomatics approaches have been used to better understand the epidemiological processes of vector-borne diseases and better predict their evolution in a rapidly changing world.





How research activities based on remote sensing and spatial modelling can be integrated into operational activities dedicated to the development of monitoring and early warning systems in public health?

The example of Dengue Fever

Research activities in Remote sensing and spatial modelling

Relationship between urban factors and dengue cases/vectors dynamics in Brazil and French Guyana

Description of urban structure using textural information from remote sensing data

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PROGYSAT Urban and Health axes

**Remote sensing
for health
applications in
urban context**

Processes of exposure and transmission
of vector-borne diseases like dengue fever
at several scales

Multi scale analysis of
urban structure and
organization

Dynamics in
space and time

FOTOTEX Method based on the analysis of
textural information extracted from Earth
observation data

<https://framagit.org/espace-dev/fototex>

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Article

Fast Unsupervised Multi-Scale Characterization of Urban Landscapes Based on Earth Observation Data

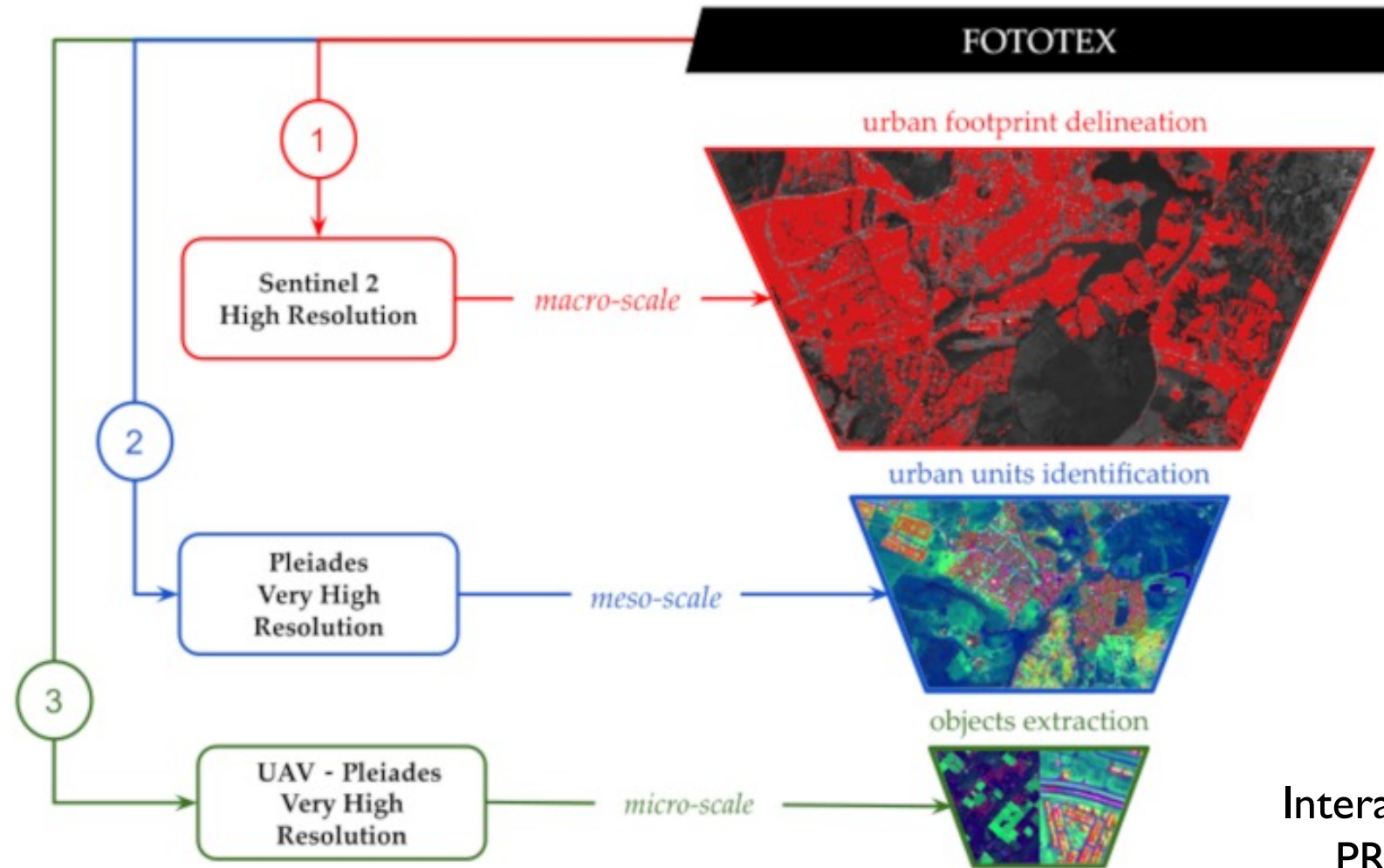
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Description of urban structure using textural information from remote sensing data

Earth observation data can be used to **describe the urban space** and **delineate urban units**

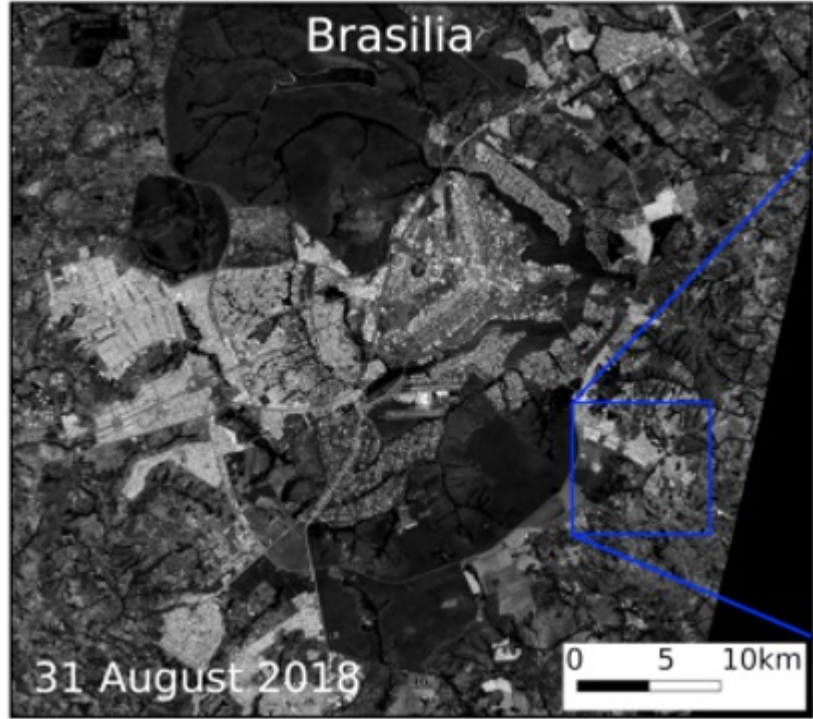
FOTOTEX for the multi scale analysis of urban structure and organization



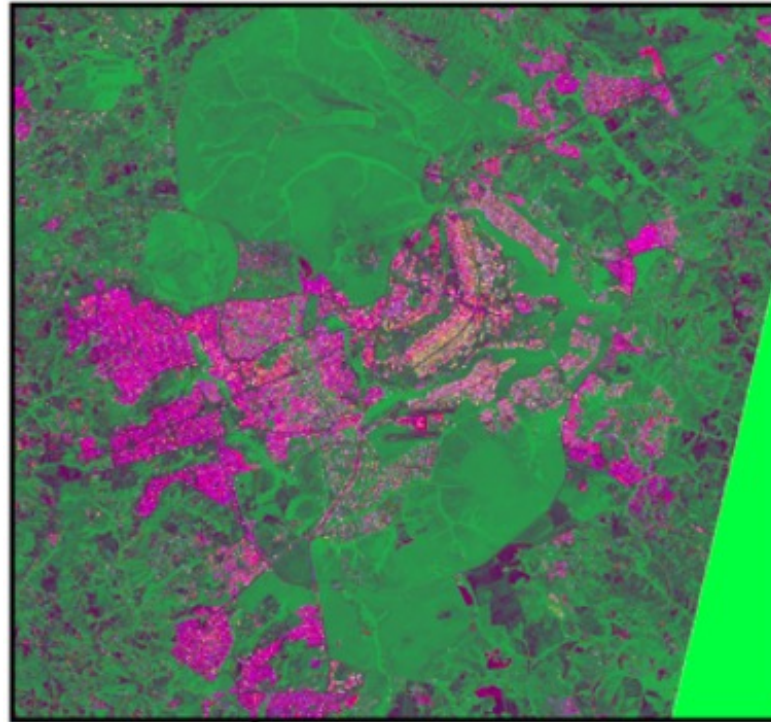
Teillet et al., 2021

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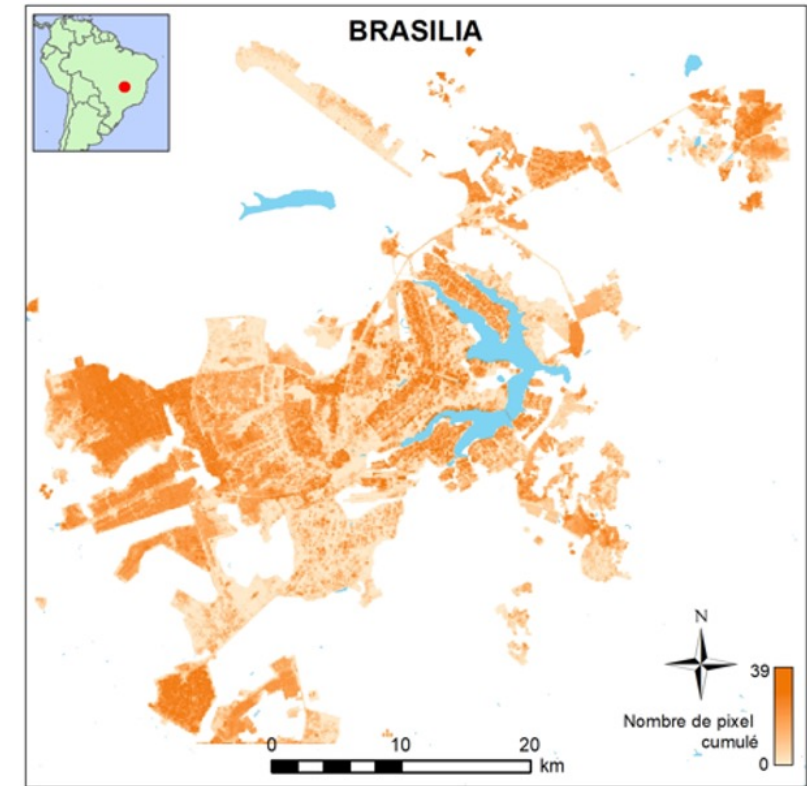
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MACRO-SCALE: Brasilia Urban footprint delineation

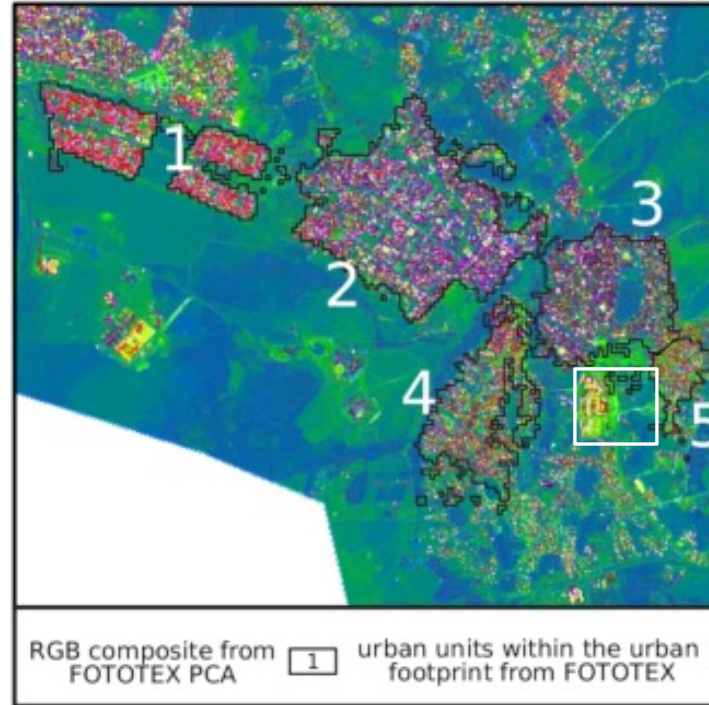
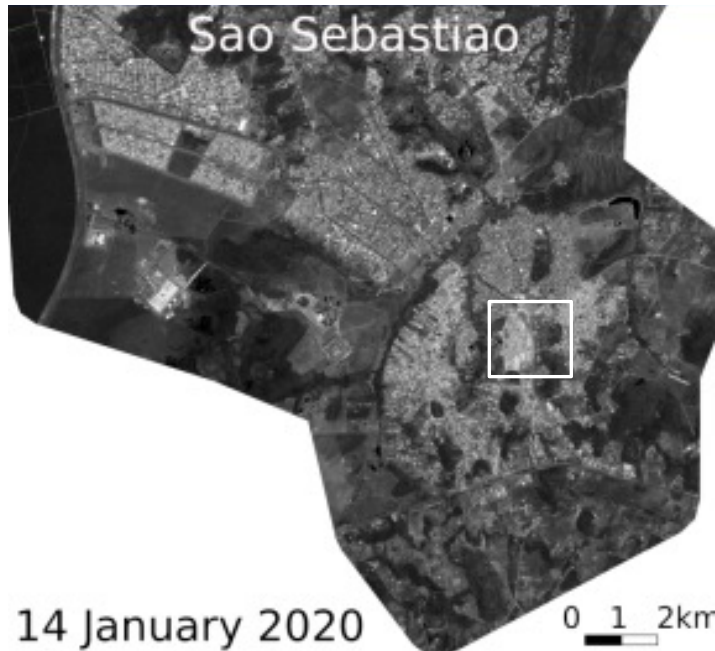


Application of FOTOTEX on
Sentinel 2 (10 m)



Description of urban structure using textural information from remote sensing data

Application of **FOTOTEX** on Pléiades data (0.5 m) over Sao Sebastiao (Brasilia)



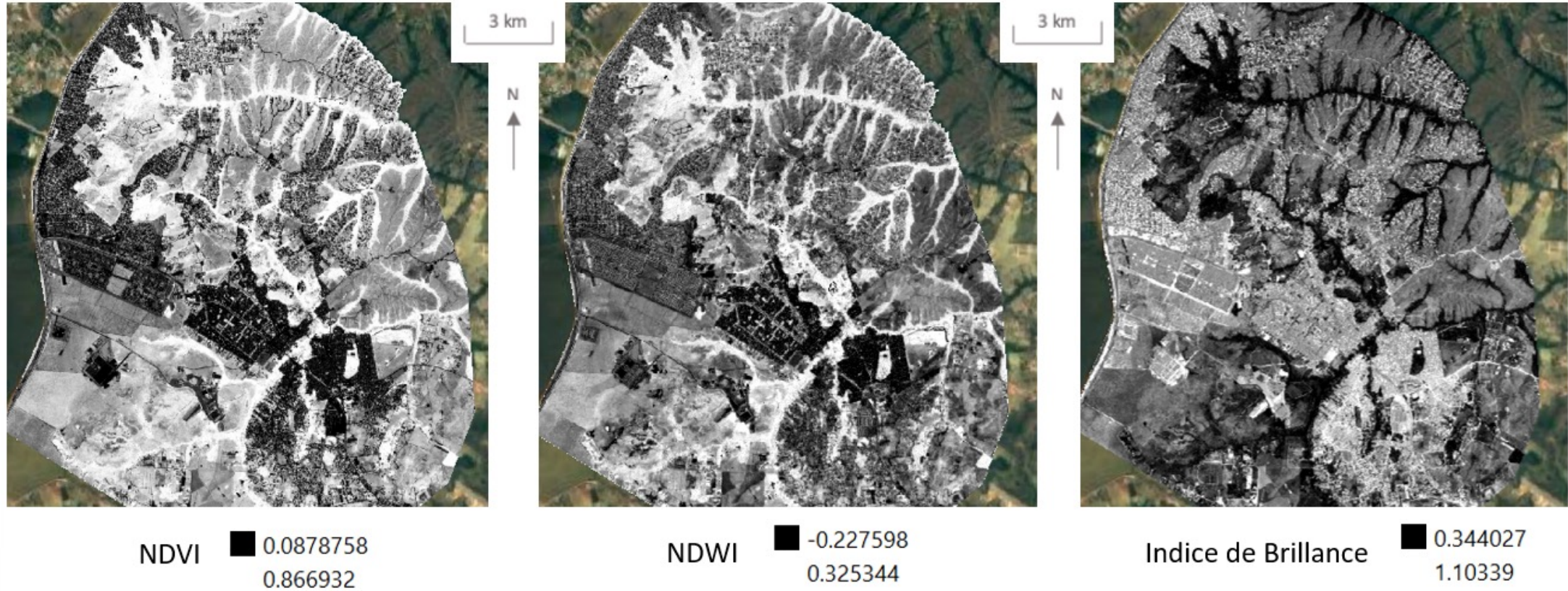
MESO-SCALE:
Urban Units
delineation



MICRO-SCALE:
Urban Objects
identification

Characterizing urban landscapes using remote sensing data

Earth observation data can be used to produce **environmental variables** on urban areas

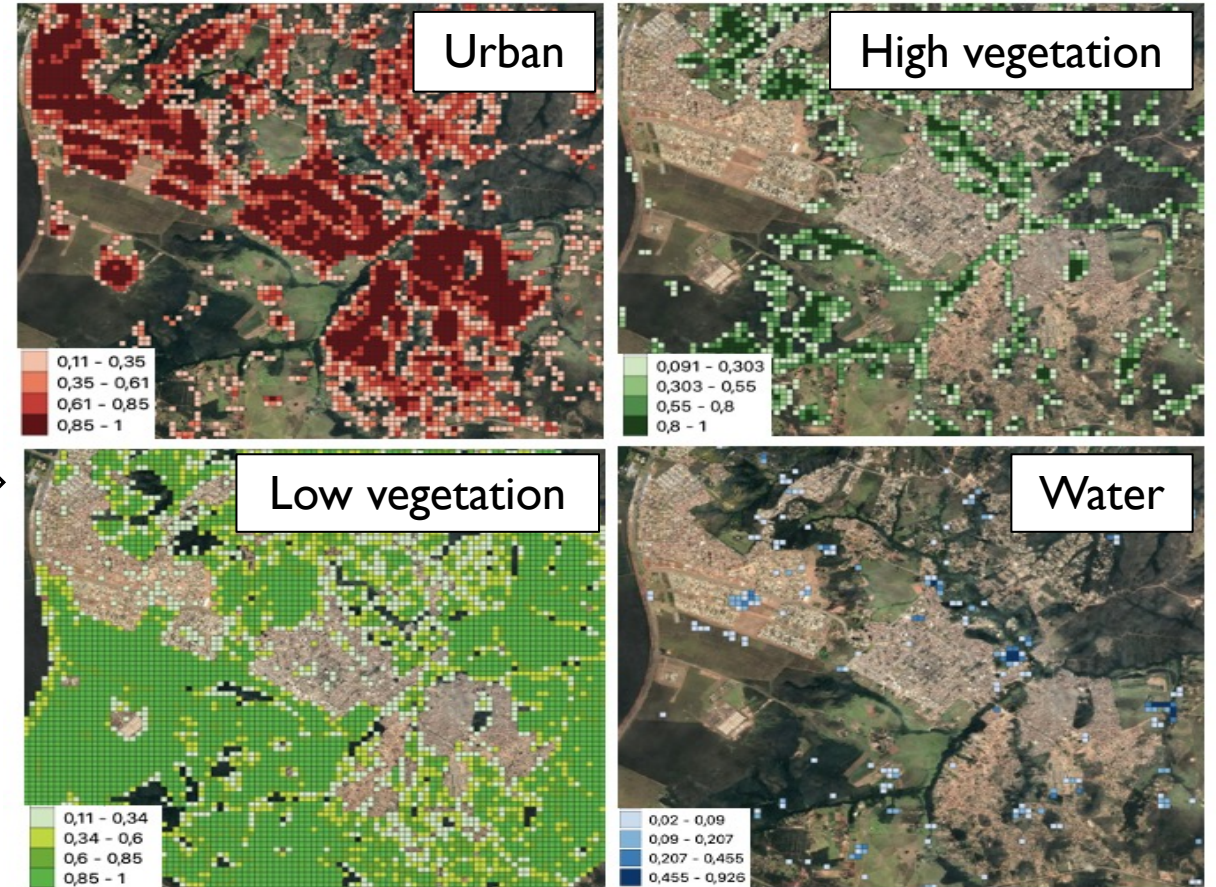
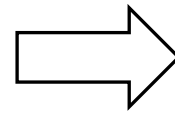
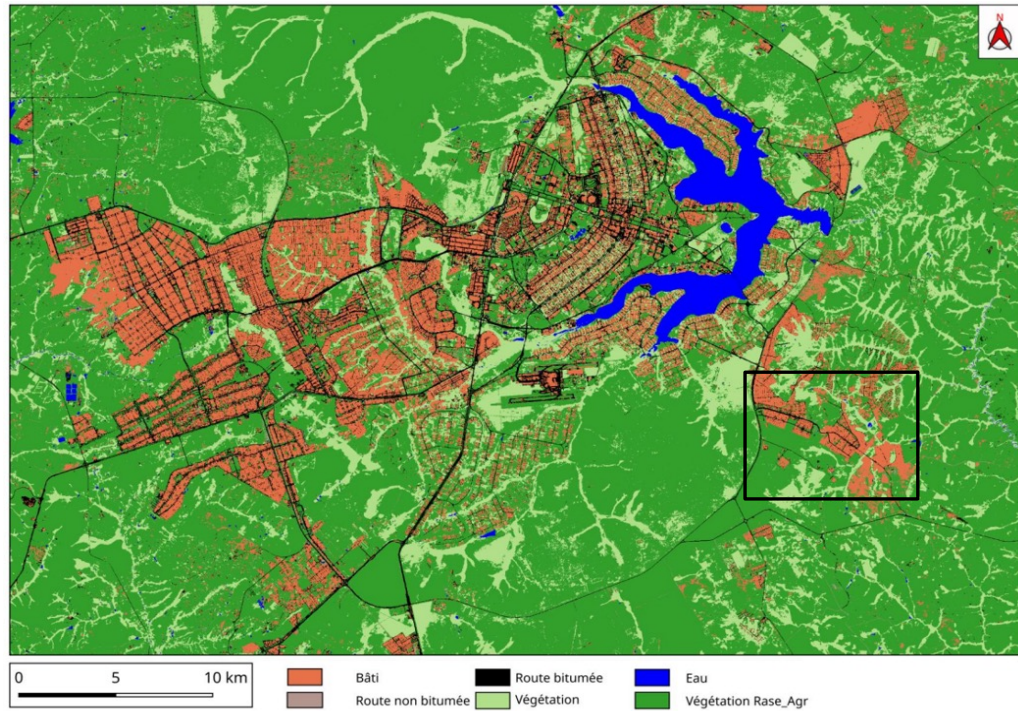


Spectral indexes over Sao Sebastiao (Brasilia) using Sentinel 2 (10 m)

Characterizing urban landscapes using remote sensing data

Earth observation data can be used to produce **environmental variables** on urban areas

Landcover classification over Brasilia using Sentinel 2 timeseries (10 m)

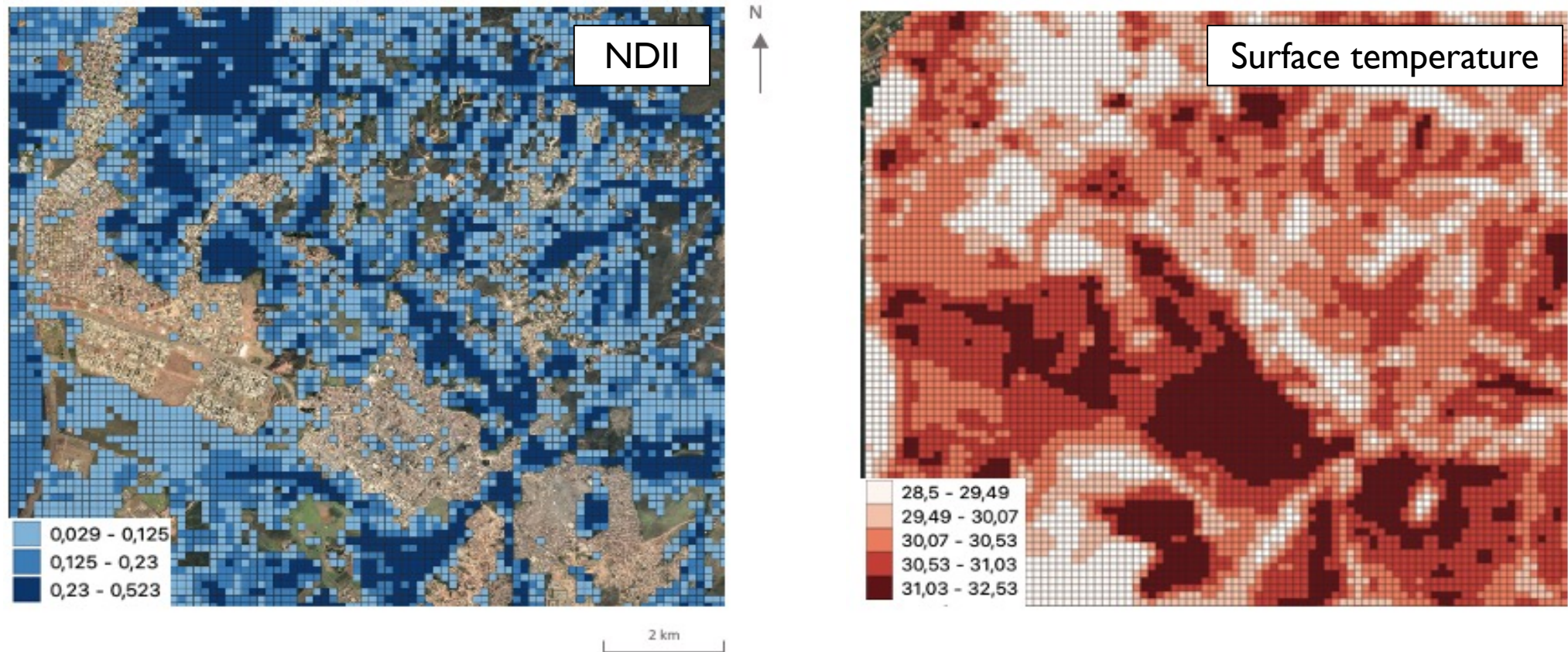


2 km

Proportion of each class over a grid cell of 100 x 100 m for Sao Sebastiao

Characterizing urban landscapes using remote sensing data

Earth observation data can be used to produce **climatic variables** on urban areas

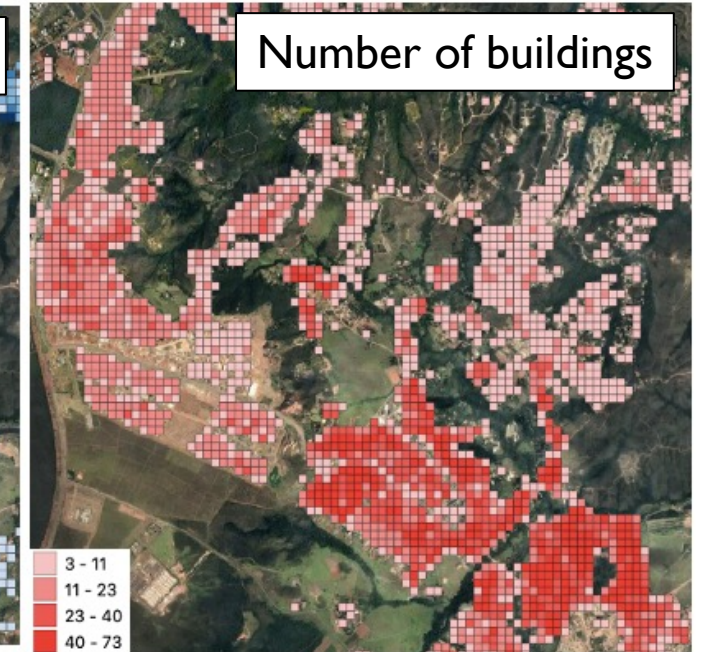
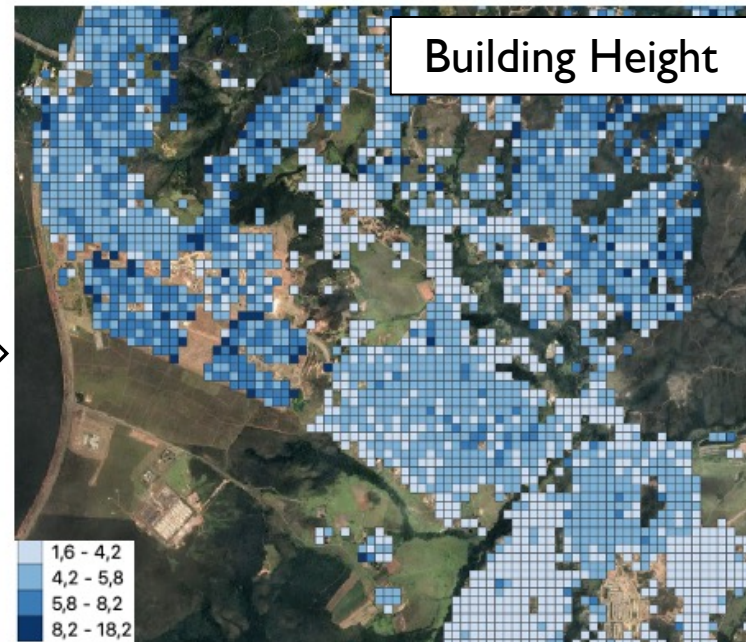
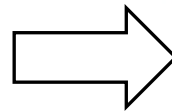
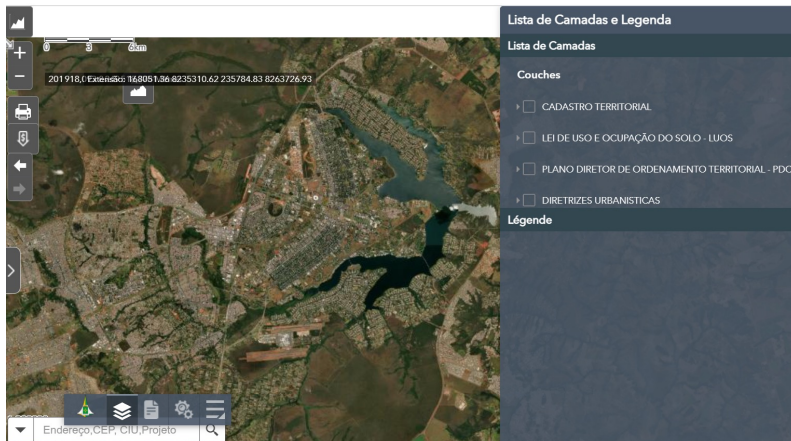


Soil humidity index from Sentinel 2 (10 m) and **Surface temperature** from Landsat 8 (100m) over a grid cell of 100 x100 m for Sao Sebastiao

Characterizing urban landscapes using remote sensing data

Descriptors of urban areas can also come from **geodatabases**

SEDUH database and Geoportal



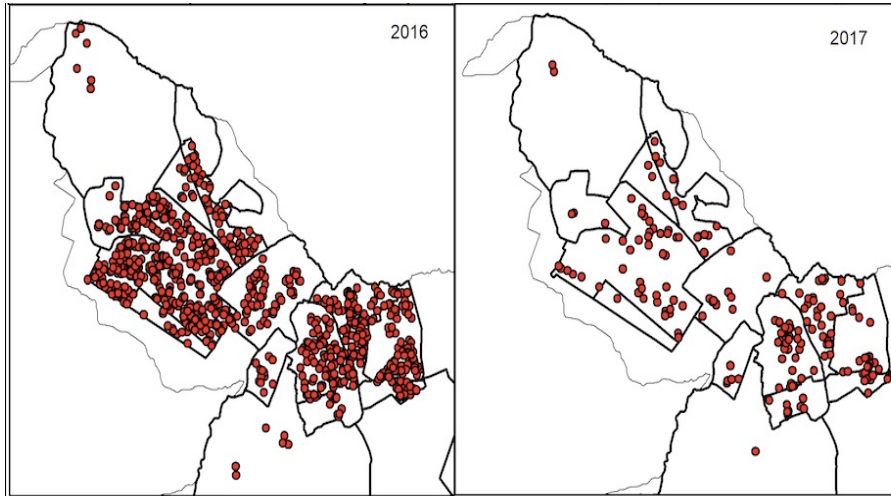
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Building height and number of buildings
over a grid cell of 100 x 100 m for Sao Sebastiao

<https://www.geoportal.seduh.df.gov.br/geoportal/>

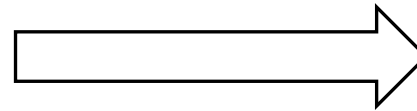
Remote sensing, Urban factors and Dengue cases

Determination of **dengue cases clusters** for 2016-2017 in Sao Sebastiao using SATSCAN, to model the space and time distribution of cases



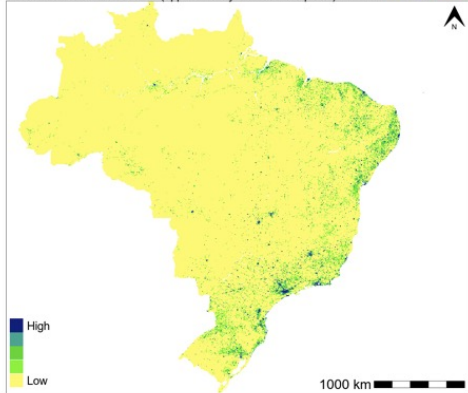
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SINAN
database



The distribution of cases is homogeneous but the intensity of clusters is heterogeneous

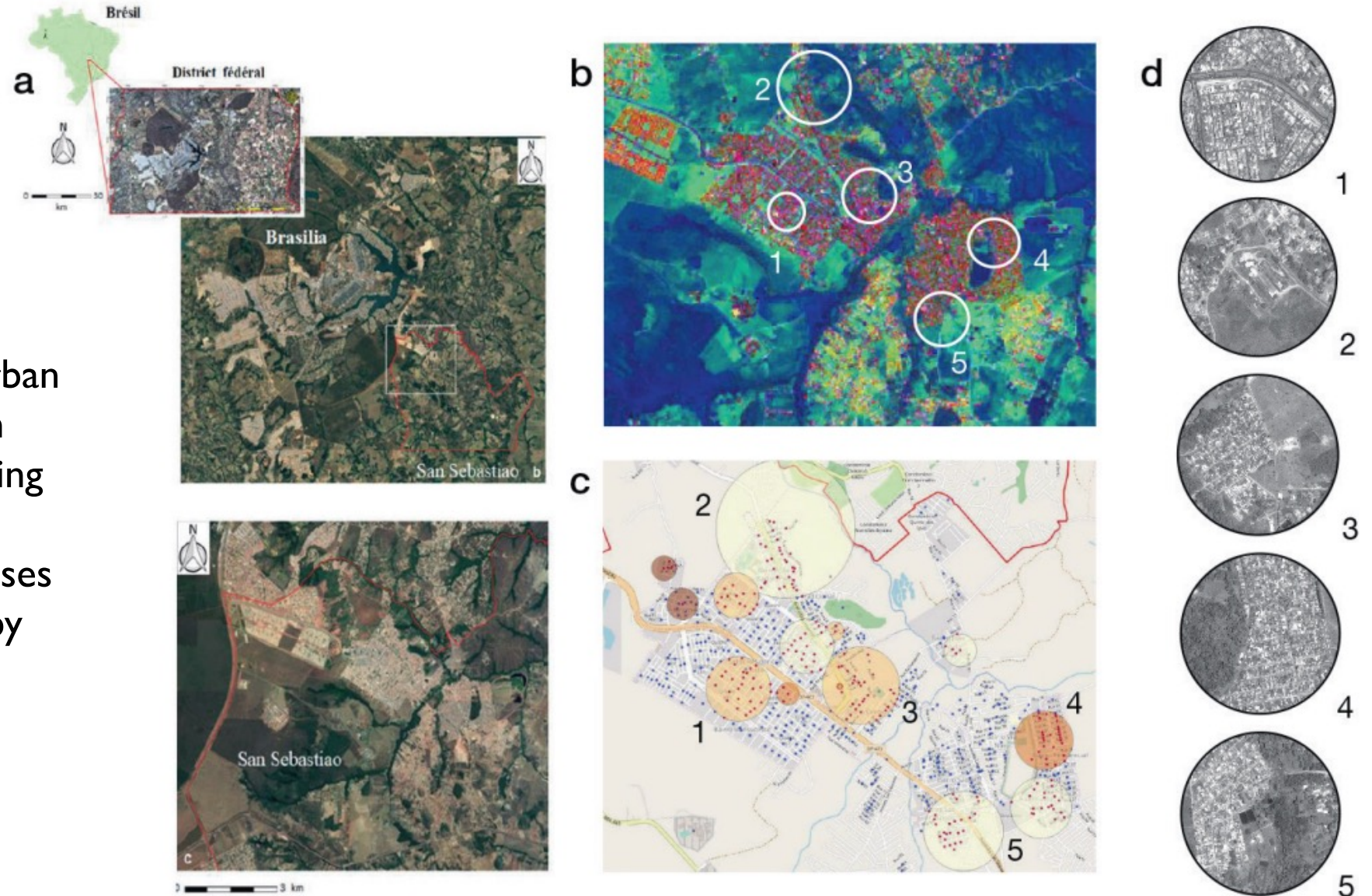
Brazil
Population 2017
Estimated population density per grid-cell (People/Km²) at a resolution of 30 arc seconds (approximately 1km at the equator)



Worldpop

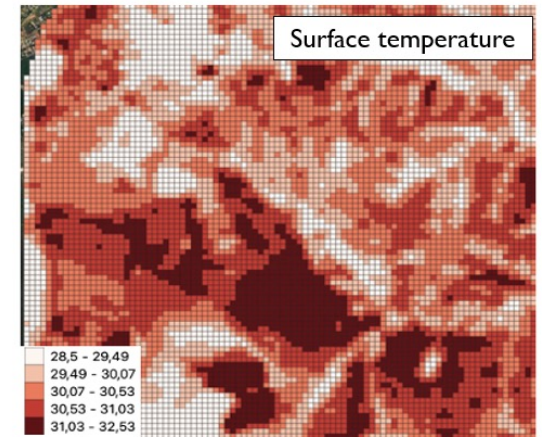
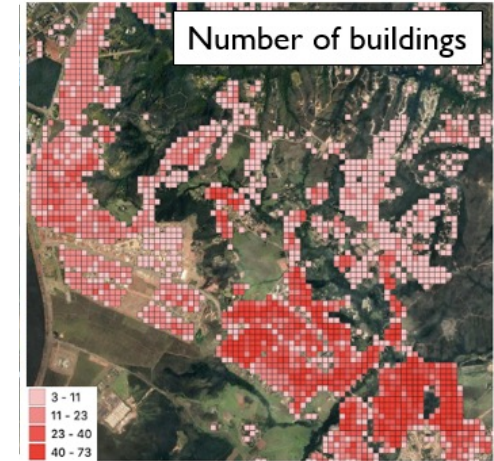
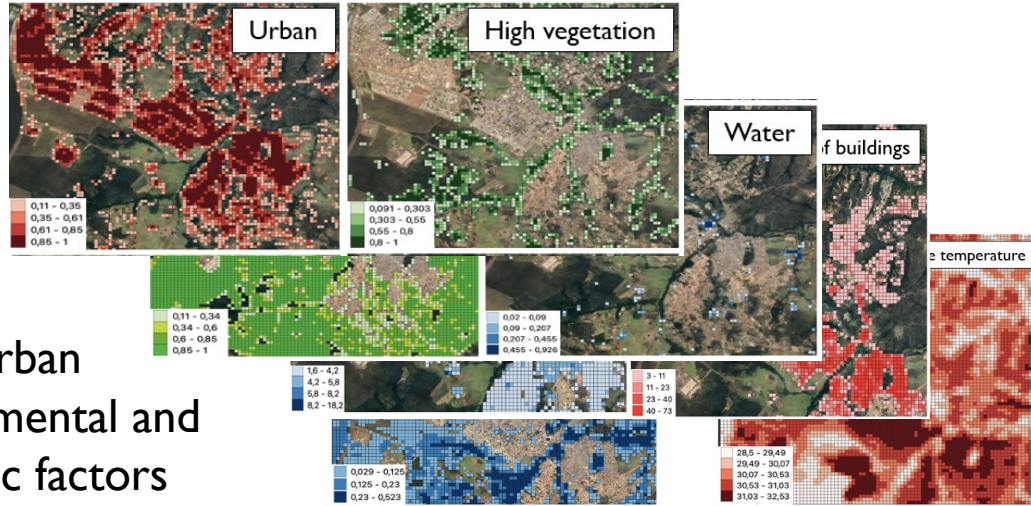
Remote sensing, Urban factors and Dengue cases

Relationship between urban units delineated from textural information using FOTOTEX and the distribution of dengue cases in clusters produced by SATSCAN



Remote sensing, Urban factors and Dengue cases

Statistical analysis of the **correlations** between previous variables and the distribution of cases in space and time



Multivariate
Statistical Analysis



Model of dengue cases for 2016-2017

Significant and positive correlations between urban factors and dengue clusters

Remote sensing, Urban factors and Dengue vectors

PhD - Remote sensing analysis of the relationship between urban landscapes and the risk of exposure to *Aedes* mosquitoes, vectors of arboviroses

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Directors : Rodolphe Devillers & Emmanuel Roux



Objective :

Develop an approach to **spatialize the risk of exposure to *Aedes* mosquitoes** that makes the best use of **satellite data** and available data (entomological, epidemiological, etc.) in order to make it **reproducible, generic and adapted** to the needs of health actors.

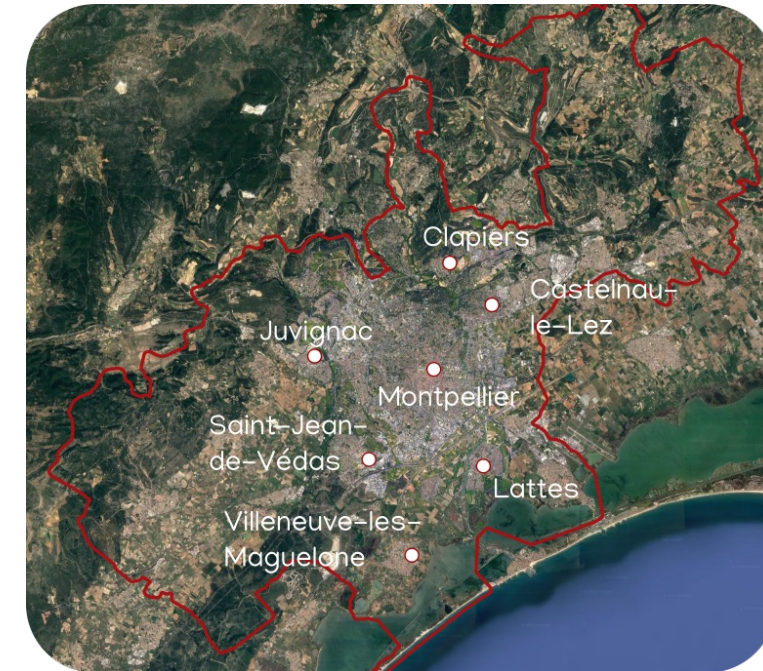


Link with the health and urban axis of PROGYSAT

Cayenne, French Guiana



Montpellier, Occitanie



Contrasted study sites in terms of epidemiologic and entomologic situations and environmental / climatic contexts

Remote sensing, Urban factors and Dengue vectors



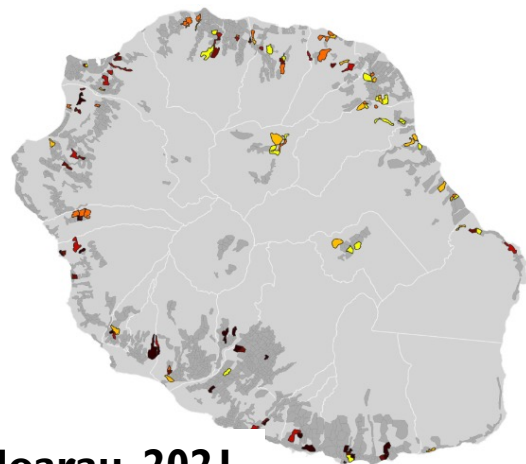
Focus on the use of urban variables from **remote sensing** to estimate :
the **number of potential breeding sites** and the **density of Aedes mosquitoes**

Entomological data as input for the model

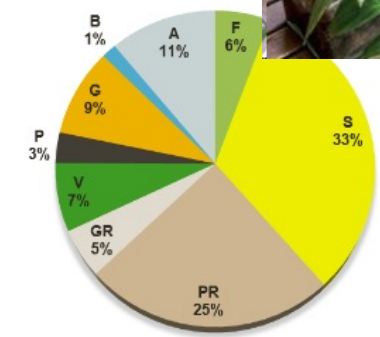
Database of number and types of breeding sites was collected by the ARS on 10% of the urban territory of Reunion Island



Number of breeding sites collected



Hoarau, 2021



Different types of breeding sites

INPUT

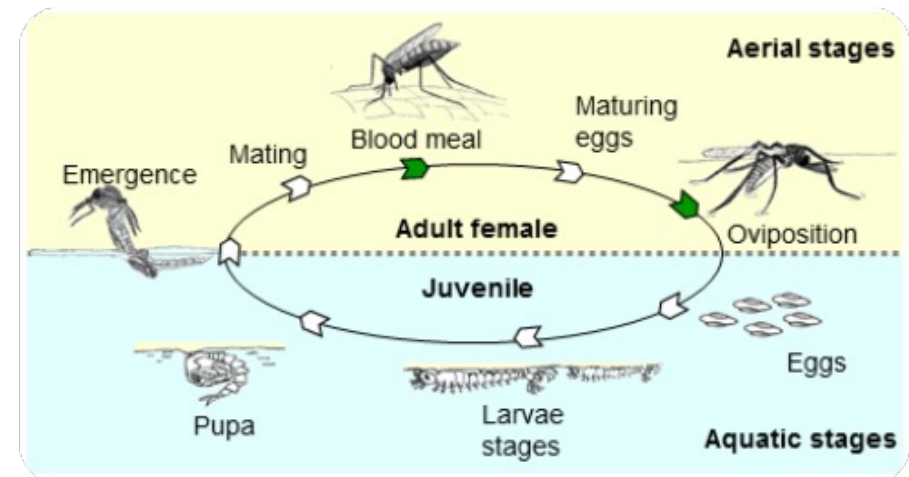
"Mechanistic" differential equation model (Tran et al., 2013)

ARBOCARTO



Based on knowledge of the life cycle of the mosquito

<https://www.arbocarto.fr/>



Remote sensing, Urban factors and Modelling of potential breeding sites

 Focus on the use of urban variables from **remote sensing** to estimate :
the **number of potential breeding sites**

Statistic model developed to predict the number and types of breeding sites over Reunion Island (Hoarau, 2021)

Explicative variables

Environmental variables

Spectrals indices
(vegetation,
brightness, humidity)

Textural indices
from FOTOTEX

Topo-climatic variables

Altitude

Annual average
temperature

Rainfall cumul

Dependant variable

Entomologic data

Number and types of
gites from field

**Generalized linear
model**

**Spatialized
prediction of the
number and type of
potential breeding
sites**

Remote sensing, Urban factors and Dengue vectors



Focus on the use of urban variables from **remote sensing** to estimate the **number of potential breeding sites**

Exploratory approach to test a model developed in Reunion Island on Cayenne (French Guiana)

→ Requires adaptations and improvements

Incorporating other urban variables from remote sensing (vegetation height, buildings height...) and improving spatial clustering

First result of the statistic model applied to Cayenne



Lizmap Access : <https://portails-espace-dev.teledetection.fr/>

Remote sensing, Urban factors: towards human exposure to mosquitoes

Combining variables from remote sensing, with data from **seroprevalence** studies can help assess human exposure to dengue virus and possibly to mosquitoes, and validate model outputs describing the interactions between humans and vectors in urban areas

An example from a seroprevalence campaign in the DF, Brazil (approx. 2200 samples)

Determination of exposure to arboviroses (dengue, ZikaV, ChikV) (IgG, IgM)

Perspective : exposure to mosquito bites (coll. MIVEGEC)

Serological survey + Knowledge, attitude and practice questionnaire



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ANTECEDENTES DA DENGUE NO DOMICÍLIO

Você sabe o que é dengue?

Sim

Não

[Redefinir o valor](#)

Houve casos de dengue entre os residentes da casa?

Sim

Não

Não sabe

[Redefinir o valor](#)

Soubes de casos de dengue entre os vizinhos?

Sim

Não

[Redefinir o valor](#)

PERCEPÇÃO SOBRE A DENGUE E AS MEDIDAS DE PREVENÇÃO DO ENTREVISTADO



Projection of the seroprevalence data on the 100x100m grid of environmental variables to run statistical analysis

Operational activities in Remote sensing and spatial modelling

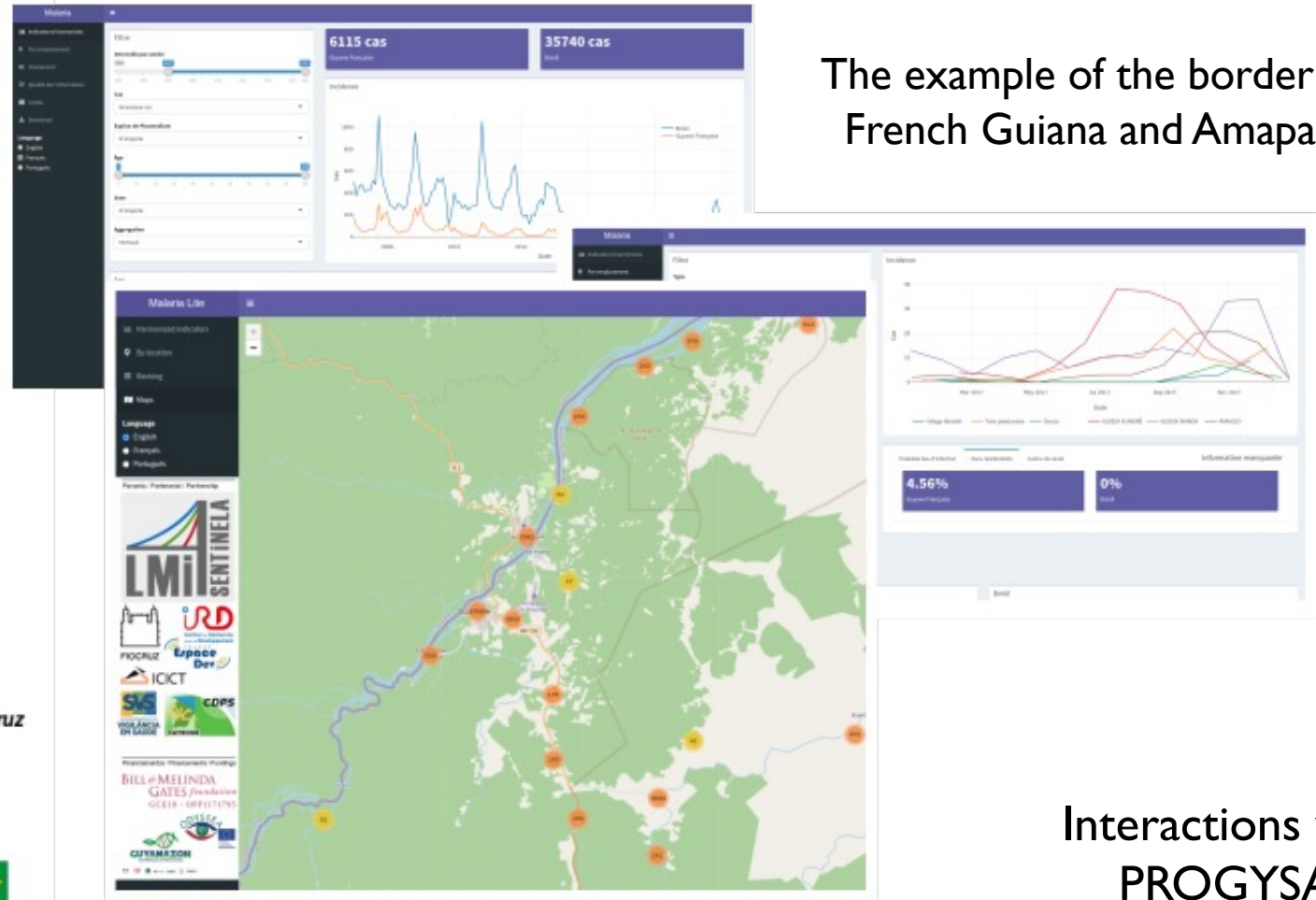
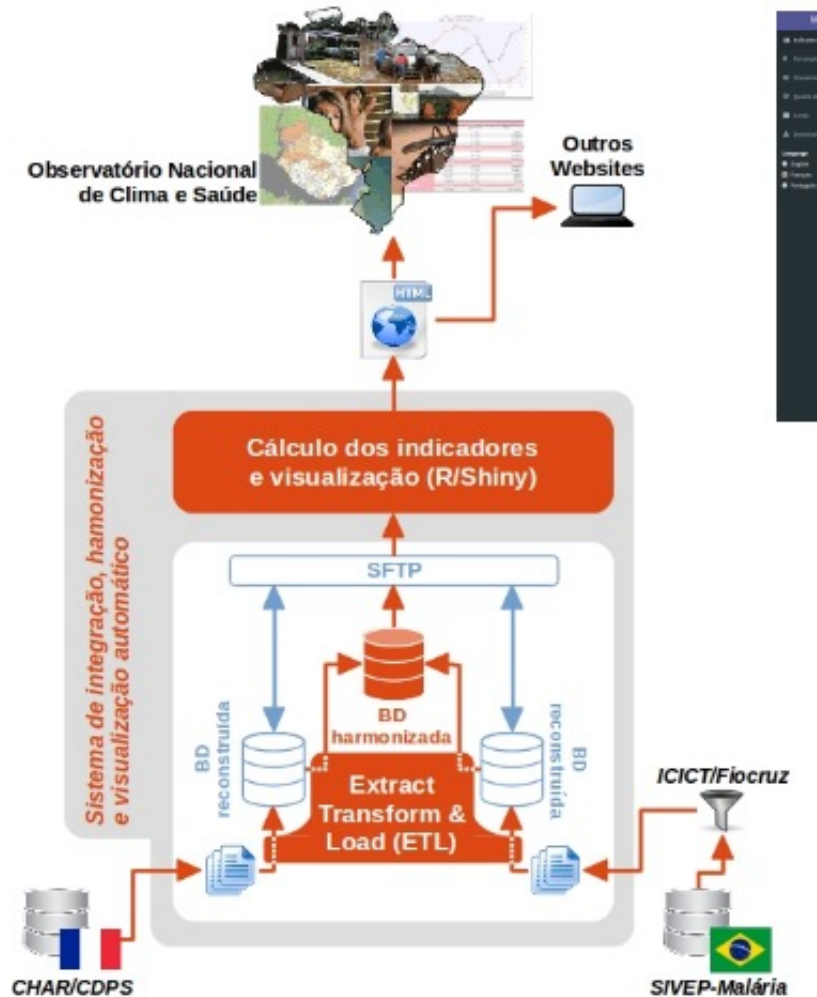
Towards the development of monitoring and early warning systems

Remote sensing and modelling: towards monitoring and early warning systems

System of **Harmonization and visualization of epidemiological data** for **health monitoring** in cross-border context



The example of the border between French Guiana and Amapa (Brazil)

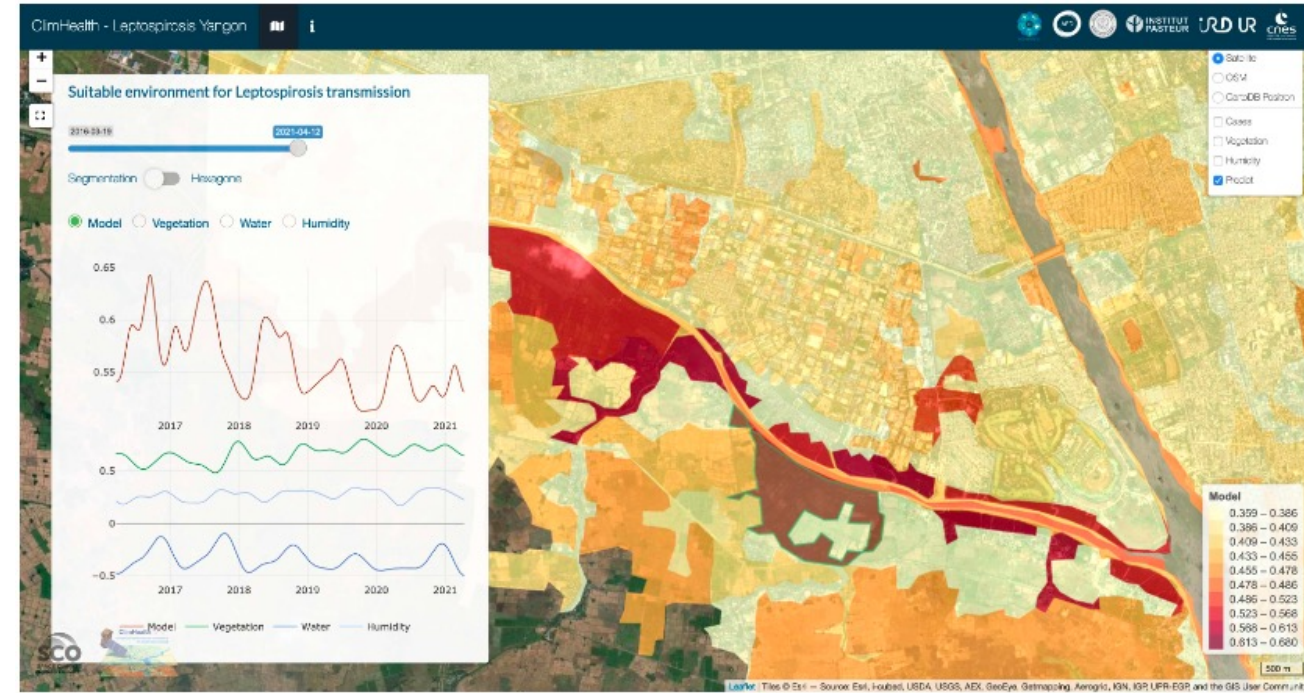
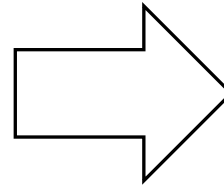


<https://shiny.icict.fiocruz.br/publicirdmalaria/>

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Remote sensing and modelling: towards monitoring and early warning systems

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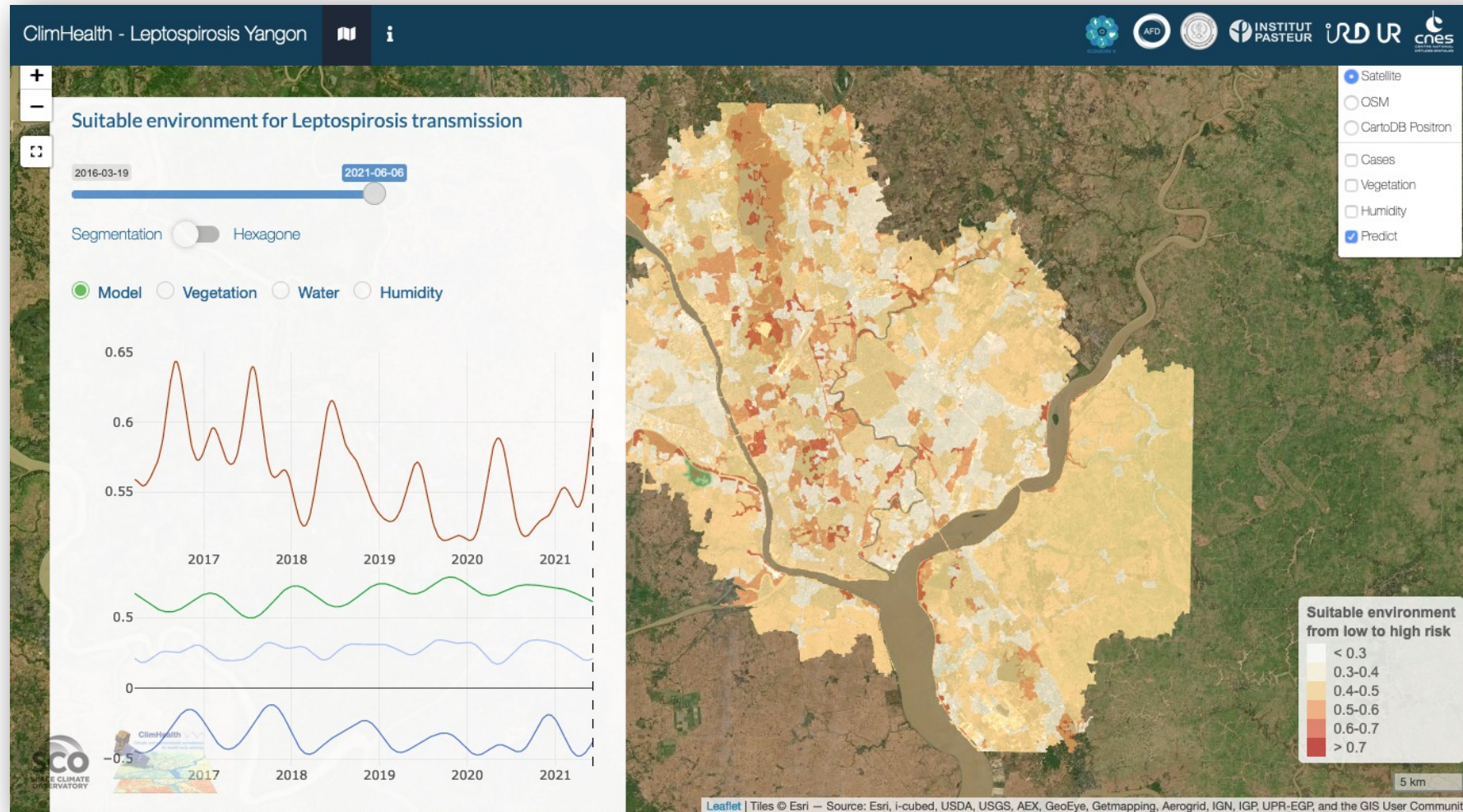


NDVI, MNDWI and NDWI
timeseries from Sentinel 2

Global model for predicting
environments favorable to
leptospirosis based on the 3 indices.

Remote sensing and modelling: towards monitoring and early warning systems

Integration of climate and environmental information from satellites into **health surveillance systems** to develop **early warning and guide disease control** (R-shiny interface)



Research and operational activities in collaboration with a network of partners

Main collaborations

FRANCE

INTERNATIONAL

	FRANCE	INTERNATIONAL
<u>Institutionnal</u>	   	 
<u>Research</u>	          	      
<u>Universities</u>	   	 

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Strengthen interactions between thematic axis of **PROGYSAT**, local researchers and public actors



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